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OLD BUREAU DISSOLVED -- T'u-sa Shin Moon, 5 Jun 49

In view of the great demand for lumber and the importance of the lumber industry in the North Korean economy, the cabinet decided to establish a Bureau of Forestry in the Government. The Bureau of Forestry will take over the function heretofore performed by the Bureau of Forestry Administration and will be placed under the direct jurisdiction of the Cabinet. It is expected that the new bureau will play an indispensable role in the People's Economic Plan.

SERICULTURE CLASSES CONDUCTED -- Hwanghae Inminpo, 19 May 49

The Kimch'on County (Hwanghae-do) People's Committee is striving to attain a 50-percent increase in cocoon production over last year in that county.

During the 2-month period from 15 December 1948 through 26 January 1949 the Committee had trained 407 sericultural specialists. From 27 February through 27 March, 21 specialists were sent to various townships to conduct sericulture training classes for farmers. During that one month as many as 131 classes were conducted. Two hundred ninety-one cooperative cocoon-raising centers were established in the county for improvement of techniques and standardization of quality of the products.

The sericulture farmers in Kui Township made 4,853 pieces of cocoon screen, 2,914 pieces of net, and 3,934 pieces of "chamchok" during the annual quarterly period ending in March. The production quota for the screen was 1,872 pieces. The county as a whole attained 105 percent of the quota set for the manufacturing of various types of sericulture equipment.

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WOMEN RAISE PIGS -- Hwanghae Inminpo, 20 May 49

Sixty-two members of the local women's league in Singok-ri, Yongdon-myon, Anak-kun, Hwanghae-do, have helped to surpass the village's livestock production quota under the People's Two-Year Economic Plan.

The women recently sold a cow which they raised for 6,500 won. Eleven members divided the proceeds into 500 won each and bought themselves pigs, which will be raised on a competitive basis among the 11 members. It is expected that the 11 pigs will multiply to at least 30 head by November this year, and at this rate of reproduction, all 62 members will be raising pigs by May 1950.

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